GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CULTIVABLE LAND
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sought any technical assistance from Israel to convert the vast streches of the country's barren lands into the cultivable land; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.RAJA)

(a) & (b) To promote the cultivation of Jojoba in arid and semi-arid areas of Rajasthan, a Registered Society named Association of the Rajasthan Jojoba Plantation and Research Project (AJORP), Jaipur has signed an agreement with HAIGUD Society of Israel for transfer of agro - technology for Jojoba cultivation. The Department of Land Resources(Ministry of Rural Development) has sanctioned a pilot project to AJORP to set up two model farms for Jojoba cultivation with technical collaboration of HAIGUD, Society, Israel in 100 ha. area of wastelands in Dhand , Jaipur District and Fatehpur , Sikar District ,Rajasthan.The first phase of the project is over. The second phase of the project has commenced from the financial year 2000-2001.